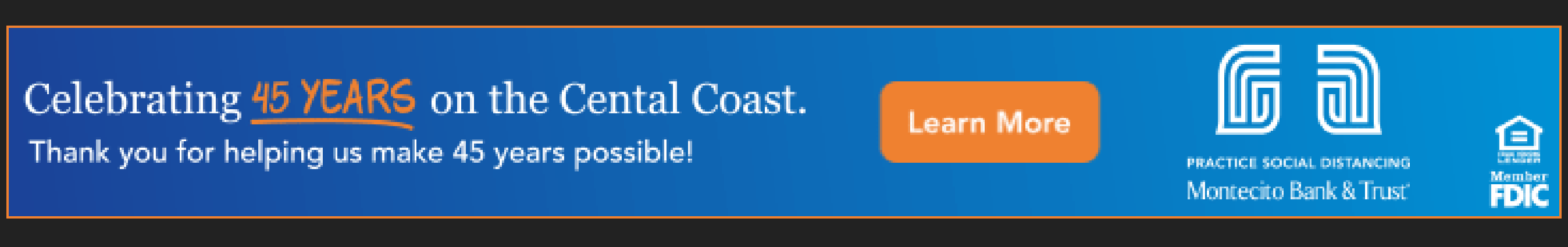
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Illegal Fireworks Sparked Throughout Town

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By John Palminteri, KEYT

Santa Barbara 911 lines were inundated with illegal fireworks calls Saturday night.

Without the annual West Beach show that draws thousands, the street shows took over for hours with aerial shots and explosives. Dispatchers called out locations in bulk from many neighborhoods where residents and their pets were upset.

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BYZANTIUM JUL 05, 2020 10:45 PM

Take your scofflaw neighbor to small claims court if you have evidence they shot off illegal fireworks and scared your dog. You do have rights - no public nuisances and animal abuse allowed. Use the court to go either an injunction or a claim for personal damages; even if the police don't arrest them. SB Superior Court website has a Small Claims information page. Stop feeling helpless. But do fight back legally. That is what Small Claims courts are for - resolving citizen grievances.

A-1594044286 JUL 06, 2020 06:35 AM

The problem is the sheer multitude of neighbors doing it. It was happening EVERYWHERE! I grew up loving fireworks and until the dog that I currently have I had NEVER had a pet that was scared of loud booming noises before but this guy was so scared and it has been hell, for a lot of JUNE actually and the past week was Armageddon to him. Saturday was unreal, with house/window shaking fireworks being burst from several parts of the neighborhood and my poor dog only could find solace under the bed with his blanket and with all the windows shut, fans blasting, white noise, tv blaring,... yet still it didn't stop the panic for him,. What a nightmare for so many of our dogs.

RHS JUL 05, 2020 06:47 PM

My dog cowered for hours. I was awakened again at 1:05 a.m. with these loud retorts. How can this selfish and dangerous behavior be equated to "freedom"? Do I have freedom to drive at 120 mph? Do you have freedom to sell unsanitary food? Do they have freedom to open banks without regulations? I don't think this is what the Revolution was about.

MINIBEAST JUL 05, 2020 09:47 PM

RHS: I think you meant to write "loud reports." And I completely, utterly, whole-heartedly sympathize regarding your dog's suffering and your loss of sleep. We used to have noise sensitive dogs and would often resort to leaving town on the nights the 4th of July and Parade of Lights "fun" was scheduled. We have had close friends whose dogs were killed by cars, thanks to the dogs trying to run from the booming noise and getting lost in traffic. I personally rescued a huge black dog who was running for its life one 4th of July (a new moon night)----it's a wonder that dog wasn't hit by a car, too. For some reason, though, there are a great many people who don't "get it." They don't understand-----or care---- how the animals suffer (not just pets) and they don't care that the fireworks add to air pollution either. It's a damn shame there are so many heartless, silly people.

SHASTA GUY JUL 05, 2020 05:19 PM

It should be "Throughout California". I think this is somewhere is Los Angeles ***. https://twitter.com/annielaulainen/status/1279648789242892288 *** This is Los Angeles ****. https://twitter.com/KarluskaP/status/1279640455475605504 ***. This is in San Bernardino *** https://twitter.com/BrianLehmn/status/1279639816489975808 *** Another city in CA *** https://twitter.com/alfonso70131043/status/1279650663702556673 *** in Vista CA *** https://twitter.com/nickdyerfit1/status/1279643432453959681 *** More LA *** https://twitter.com/official_punzee/status/1279662876509171712 *** Richmond in the Bay Area *** https://twitter.com/dpi_19/status/1279648891336417280 *** San Jose in the Bay Area *** https://twitter.com/deblaz5/status/1279669282641567744 *** I don't think there is much more patience for Sacramento telling us what, where, when, and how to do life.

PACIFIC SOUL JUL 05, 2020 03:29 PM

Land of the Free and Home of the Brave! Let Freedom Ring, one night a year. Thank you for the show across the valley.

A-1594044286 JUL 05, 2020 10:14 PM

With any luck, the macho "patriot" will poop his pants.

A-1594044286 JUL 05, 2020 10:06 PM

Don't forget the M80's. Will sound like a huge bomb going off.

915FILMS JUL 05, 2020 10:04 PM

Alex - Don't forget your MAGA hat, but make sure you leave your face mask at home. Don't wanna look like a pussy.

ALEXBLUE JUL 05, 2020 08:33 PM

Amen! I've only managed to get through about half my fireworks stash. I still have tons of Roman candles (my favorite), Chinese flowers, not PC, but too bad, LOL, buzz bombs, M500s, fountains, bottle rockets. Crazy how much you can get for 250.00! I'm thinking about firing them all off tomorrow night--where do you live? I'll come by and pile them all up in front of your house and go FOR IT!

ARTEMISIA JUL 05, 2020 08:31 PM

Me me me me me me--Can't anyone have a thought for anyone else these days??

CADILLACKID JUL 05, 2020 02:25 PM

911 calls for fireworks lol!!!

ROGER JUL 05, 2020 08:30 PM

Alot of good those unanswered calls did funny huh?

A-1594044286 JUL 05, 2020 02:02 PM

The tinderbox dry Santa Ynez Valley has been experiencing illegal fireworks for the past week. Hopefully, the individuals shooting them off are caught & fined to the point it really hurts their wallet or checking account.

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